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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following comments and amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have set forth below amended Claims 27, 29, 30, 36, 37, 39, 40, 43-45, 48, and 49, with deletions in strikeout and additions in underlining showing only the changes made by way of the present amendment. A separate page is attached showing the amendments to Claims 27, 29, 30, 36, 37, 39, 40, 43, 44, 45, 48, and 49 and new Claims 53-55 with markings to show changes made relative to the issued patent.

1. (Previously Amended) A watercraft comprised of a hull defining an engine compartment, a two-cycle, crankcase compression internal combustion engine contained within said engine compartment and having a crankcase chamber journaling an output shaft, a pair of cylinder blocks extending at a V-angle to each other and affixed to said crankcase chamber, each cylinder block having at least one cylinder bore containing a

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